



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Thursday, February 14, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-0880)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Scott Svonkin, Commissioner Barry Binder, Commissioner Bob Blake, Commissioner Helene Lohr, Commissioner Luther Nash, Commissioner Patricia Torres and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Absent: Vice Chairperson Eric Bauman, Commissioner Kathy Crooymans and Commissioner Daniel Falcon

Call to Order (13-0698)

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Svonkin at 10:07 a.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Nash.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the December 13, 2012 meeting minutes (13-0699)

On motion of Commission Lohr, seconded by Commissioner Blake, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Election of Officers (13-0754)

Chairperson Svonkin opened nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Vicencia nominated Chairperson Scott J. Svonkin for re-election. There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

On motion of Commissioner Vicencia, seconded by Commissioner Blake, Scott J. Svonkin was re-elected Chairperson.

On motion of Commissioner Blake, and by common consent, there being no objection, Eric Bauman was elected Vice-Chairperson.

II. PRESENTATION

- 3.** Presentation by the Chief Executive Office - Intergovernmental Relations on the County's State legislative process and discussion on legislative bills relating to fraud and consumer education. (13-0733)

Patricia Carbajal, Chief Executive Office (CEO), provided an overview of the process executed by her office with regard to State Legislation and possible positions the County takes with legislative policies. Ms. Carbajal stated that she will assist in facilitating communication between her office and the Commissioners when legislation referencing insurance is being analyzed. Ms. Carbajal reported that in August 2013 the Commission will receive a memorandum, requesting review and input of the State Legislative Agenda and feedback will need to be submitted by October 2013.

Ms. Carbajal encouraged the Commission to submit draft language in advance for next year's State Legislative Agenda. Chairperson Svonkin asked staff to submit to CEO previously approved position language on fraud. Ms. Carbajal advised that she will ask advocates in Washington D.C. to assist in determining if insurance related legislature is being presented.

Chairperson Svonkin advised Ms. Carbajal that the Commission's main goal is to support the County in its efforts to combat insurance fraud and continue with an initiative to create a national disaster fund that will aid those in need after a federal disaster.

III. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.** Recommendation to approve sending congratulatory letters to Senators and Assembly members who were elected/re-elected in the November 2012 Elections. (13-0738)

Chairperson Svonkin introduced this item and indicated that the letters are sent out after every election.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Blake, seconded by Commissioner Lohr, this item was approved.

5. Recommendation to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting authorization to establish an Insurance Commission presence using social media. (13-0785)

Chairperson Svonkin introduced this item and asked for Commissioner input on moving forward.

Commissioner Torres suggested that instead of preparing a letter for approval at a Board of Supervisors meeting, a letter should be drafted and submitted to their offices asking for their support and input prior to being placed on the Board's agenda.

On motion of Commissioner Torres, seconded by Commissioner Blake and unanimously carried, the Commission authorized the Chair to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for their support and input in establishing an Insurance Commission presence using social media; and to place an item at a future meeting to discuss submission of a letter to the Board for approval.

IV. REPORTS

6. Status update by Commissioners on the Subcommittee on Fraud. (13-0701)

Commissioner Lohr reported that a substantial amount of insurance fraud information is available at the California Department of Insurance website but feels that consumers are not aware of such information and a joint effort between the Commission on Insurance and the California Department of Insurance is needed to educate consumers. The Subcommittee on Fraud will contact the California Department of Insurance about partnering.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Commission.

7. Status update by the Consumer Education and Insurance Literacy workgroup. (13-0702)

Commissioner Nash provided hard copies of his recommendations and reported that the effortless process of obtaining an Insurance License and the lack of sufficient knowledge when providing auto insurance may play a role in insurance fraud.

Chairperson Svonkin encouraged all Commissioners to review the material provided by the Consumer Education and Insurance Literacy Workgroup and determine what information should be included on the Commission on Insurance website. County Counsel will be contacted to determine if a disclaimer may be required to post the recommendations online.

Recommendations provided by Commissioner Nash were asked to be included in the next agenda.

Discussion about possible alternatives to manage a facebook page ensued among Commissioners.

8. Chairman's report. (13-0700)

Chairperson Svonkin reported that once a facebook account is established, sub-standards and guidelines will need to be discussed with County Counsel prior to posting and advised that the sunset review was completed by Auditor-Controller staff and is currently being reviewed by management

V. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Matters not on posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-0703)

Commissioner Blake expressed concern about growing Workers' Compensation fraud cases and requested that this topic be included in the next agenda and a risk management representative be invited to discuss this matter.

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-0707)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

11. Adjournment for the meeting of February 14, 2013. (13-0709)

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Svonkin at 10:59 a.m.